

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-28 are cancelled, without prejudice.

29. (New) A hand tool for tightening and locking differently sized locknuts, the hand tool comprising:

a first member having a proximate end comprising a first handle and a distal end comprising a first jaw;

a second member having a proximate end comprising a second handle and a distal end comprising a second jaw;

a pivot member comprising means for operably connecting said first and second members disposed between the handles and the jaws so that the jaws pivot with movement of the handles;

said first jaw being more distally disposed than the second jaw;

said first jaw comprising a first elongate notch, and said second jaw comprising a second elongate notch, said first notch being more elongate than the second notch, said first notch comprising an elongate wall and an adjacent transversely disposed distal wall;

wherein with said jaws closed on a first locknut, said first notch distal wall frictionally engages a first lug and the adjacent elongate wall is spacedly disposed from the first lug, and said second notch straddles a second lug of the first locknut; and

wherein said jaws are closed on a second locknut having a smaller diameter than the first locknut, the first notch distal wall frictionally engages a first

lug with the adjacent elongate wall spacedly disposed from the first lug, and the second notch does not straddle a second lug of the second locknut.

30. (New) The hand tool of claim 29, said first notch elongate wall and distal wall are in rectilinear disposition.

31. (New) The hand tool of claim 29, further comprising a distally disposed corner immediately adjacent to the distal wall, said corner frictionally engages each said respective locknut with the jaws closed.

32. (New) The hand tool of claim 29, wherein said first locknut comprises more lugs than said second locknut, and said second locknut lugs being larger than said first locknut lugs.

33. (New) The hand tool of claim 32, wherein said first locknut comprises 8 lugs and said second locknut comprises 6 lugs, and wherein each of the 6 lugs is larger than each of the 8 lugs.

34. (New) The hand tool of claim 29, said second notch comprises a proximately disposed adjacent convex curvilinear wall, said curvilinear wall is proximately disposed of said first and second notches, whereby said curvilinear wall

frictionally engages a lug of a said first locknut with the jaws closed on the first locknut.

35. (New) The hand tool of claim 34, said curvilinear wall does not frictionally engage a lug of the second locknut with the jaws closed on the second locknut.

36. (New) The hand tool of claim 34, said second jaw comprises a distally disposed edge, said distally disposed edge frictionally engages each respective locknut at a portion between respective adjacent lugs with the jaws closed on each said locknut.

37. (New) The hand tool of claim 36, said second jaw comprises a distally disposed edge, said distally disposed edge frictionally engages each respective locknut at a portion between respective adjacent lugs with the jaws closed.

38. (New) The hand tool of claim 29, said first jaw being disposed in a first plane and said second jaw being disposed in a second plane.

39. (New) The hand tool of claim 29, wherein the means for pivotally connecting the members is not transversely movable, whereby the jaws open and close with respect to the said pivot axis with operable engagement the said differently sized locknuts.

40. (New) The hand tool of claim 29, wherein the first notch distal wall is rectilinear disposition to the adjacent elongate wall and said distal wall comprises a planar surface.

41. (New) The hand tool of claim 29, said second notch comprises a distal end and a proximate end, and further comprises rectilinear surfaces disposed at the distal end of the second notch.

42. (New) The hand tool of claim 41, said first notch distal wall being distally disposed of the second notch rectilinear surfaces.